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GOLD TIPS.

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deal of corruption in the department. In fact, to a certain extent, it had been honey-combed with irregularities.

Men had been led to believe, in consequence of the stories circulated, that every one had to pay for his place or promotion, or that he got it through political influences.

He claimed that he had been the cause of the present reform movement and not Dr. Parkhurst, because he had originated the idea of driving the people in disorderly houses from house to house, and this constant pursuit had led them to come and confess before the committee.

"I'm responsible for all that," said the Superintendent. "They would never, not one of them, have gone on this stand and testified that they paid money to the police, if I had not driven them."

"You are mistaken about that," said Mr. Goff. "Many of those people who testified were never disturbed in their business."

Claims Credit for Disclosures. The Superintendent, however, insisted that all the credit of the disclosures before the Lexow committee should properly be attributed to him.

His scheme of the transfer of Captains and keeping the force shaken up, and the continual harassing of the criminal classes he claimed had brought out the confidence of the committee. He had been so much enlightened.

"No one man could have brought about this condition, as Dr. Parkhurst is said to have, but I claim that I have been the most powerful factor in the movement which has resulted in the suppression of these places."

Mrs. Hermann was never disturbed," said Mr. Goff.

"But she ran away, didn't she?"

"Not until she was assisted out of town," said Mr. Goff.

The Presentment as Outrage.

Mr. Moss read a part of the presentment made against the police department by the Grand Jury in March, 1892, just before the witness became Superintendent, and also an interview published in several papers with Mr. Byrnes in which he said such a presentment was an outrage, and he thought of resigning.

"I have no recollection of that interview now, but I still believe it is an outrage to make such a presentment against a whole force."

"I do not remember Foreman Taber's remarks about my interview, but I'm here to contradict newspaper reports."

He began to tell how he had consulted a lawyer after that presentment, but Mr. Goff shut him off, and began to ask him about the blackmailing system.

Q. Could such a state of affairs exist without your knowledge?

Q. Do you feel that you are competent, A. Yes, sir, thoroughly so.

The Superintendent said he might have found out the system, but he had not, and he had found it whenever he had found any blackmailing in isolated cases.

"I haven't the power of this committee. I'm only one man, but I have always done what I could to put down abuses."

"I haven't the power to transfer a single man, and I don't think the police is so tied up that he cannot do anything without the consent of the board."

"If I should see a man commit an outrage on Broadway, I couldn't send him out to Union Square."

Q. In the Committee's report they had to leave everything to you; that they had no power to do anything without your consent. Is that true?

Q. They also said that transfers were always made at the suggestion of the members of the board. The Committee makes all details of appointments.

Several newspaper interviews with the Superintendent were read in which he said that Dr. Parkhurst's agents were blackmailing the police. These interviews were taken from the files of the committee.

The Superintendent said that he had charged against Inspector Williams and Mr. McGough, and that he had been charged against Inspector Williams and Mr. McGough, and that he had been charged against Inspector Williams and Mr. McGough.

The board and the committee refused to amend the rules so as to provide that inspectors should be responsible for his district.

Challenge to Accusers. "I defy any one in or out of the Police Department," said Mr. Byrnes, "to point his finger at me and say I ever gave a dollar in dishonest way."

There was applause after this, which the Chairman quelled.

"I say this with some pride," he added.

He said immediately afterwards: "I have practically retired from the department twice since I have been Superintendent, but I returned because I thought it was my duty to stand by the department."

"No, I didn't say anything of this. I don't believe it is rotten to the core, and I don't believe it is rotten to the core."

Chairman Lexow thought the Superintendent had said so, but he declared he had not.

He admitted that he had heard that liquor houses were being driven out of the city, but he had no evidence of general system.

He was nervous and responsive. Later he called for him again, but Mr. Goff said he failed to understand it.

When the Inspector finally arrived he apologized to Mr. Goff, and said he had been away attending to some business.

"I have been here for three days running," said he, "and I'm sorry if I kept the Committee waiting."

The Inspector said he had \$6,000 when he joined the force. The money was

made in his trucking business, and he gave it to his mother to keep for him. When she died, he gave the money to his sweetheart, who is his present wife. McLaughlin declared Mr. Goff's question was insulting when the lawyer asked him if the lady was in the trucking business, and appeared to the Committee to keep her name out of the examination.

After persistent questioning he admitted that his wife gave him back the \$6,000 in 1888.

In the next breath, however, he contradicted his statement by saying his wife paid \$7,000 on her name, and he said that the money was not really returned to him.

He invested \$1,500 in a patent railroad switch in 1881, and made nearly \$40,000 out of it.

The profits, he said, were turned over to him by his brother-in-law, in bills, and ranged in amounts from \$4,000 to \$10,000 a year. His brother-in-law was the manager of the concern.

Some of the money he reinvested in real estate. The money was not given him as was used by his wife in her business. When asked what her business was, the Inspector said he would not answer until he had seen his counsel.

His Real Estate Speculations. According to his story his real estate ventures were surprisingly successful. Within thirty days he had bought property for \$100,000, and he had a net profit of \$75,000. He said he was offered a profit of \$15,000 on it yesterday, but refused it.

He told of various other investments in real estate, some made as recently as two weeks ago. Mr. Goff followed him in his narrative, and then he testified that the Inspector's total real estate holdings were valued at \$139,000. Deducting the mortgages it left his interest amounting to \$125,000.

This, he declared was wrong, and after doing some figuring himself showed that his entire interest amounted to \$67,125.

Mr. Goff showed that the Inspector had made \$76,900 above his salary since his appointment, and asked him where he got it.

The Inspector replied that his wife made some of it in her business, and he made the balance in buying real estate. He said he had made a net profit of \$25,000 from it.

Leaving his real estate field, Mr. Goff asked him how he had made his money. Mr. Goff said he had never heard of the practice until it was exposed by the committee. He thought it was a dishonest man, who he said, directed him to the wrong way.

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